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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 144
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Marty Sisco
and the 1996-1997 Union City High School boys'
basketball team, Tennessee Secondary School
Athletic Association Class AA state champions.

WHEREAS, of the hundreds of high school basketball teams, only three had the
determination, ability, offense, defense, and greatness to go through a tough schedule, not be
deterred by setbacks, and be crowned champions; and

WHEREAS, by playing adroitly, the excellent 1996-1997 Union City High School boys'
basketball team has won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA state
championship; and

WHEREAS, Union City won the District 13-AA Tournament title with victories over
Crockett County 51-38, Obion County Central 39-36 and Martin Westview 50-46; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team next won the Region 7-AA Tournament,
beating Jackson South Side 71-35, Obion County Central 41-38 and Martin Westview 39-38;
and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match, they defeated Booker T. Washington 66-51;
and

WHEREAS, in the State Tournament, the Tornadoes blew past Martin Luther King 44-
41, Knoxville Austin East 76-65 and Memphis Melrose 51-44; and

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WHEREAS, they completed this memorable season with an excellent 30-6 overall record, a winning percentage of .833; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Head Coach Marty Sisco has served expertly as an inspirational mentor, both on the court and off. His valued Assistant Coach was David Denning; and

WHEREAS, each of the members of the team: seniors, Captain Nate Davis, Will Acres, Reed Clark, Ryan Hepler, James Jones, and Marcus Williams; juniors Kyonn Genes, Chad King, and Jackie Lewis; sophomores Jeff Hayslett, Arron Morris, and Eric Williams; and freshmen Jeremy Crenshaw, Robert Nelson, Brent Robinson, and Chris Robinson; has made a significant contribution to the success of the squad; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were Jeremy Crenshaw, Robert Nelson, Brent Robinson, and Chris Robinson, and the trainer was Andy Vallee; and

WHEREAS, under the expert guidance of sponsors Carolyn Sanderson and Kim Sherwood, the enthusiastic cheerleaders were: senior co-captains Heather Freeman and Cortney Greene; seniors Valerie Bransford, Keionna Brown, Whitney Harris, Lashunda Johnson, and Julie Vaughn; juniors Alicia Farmer, Katie Thorpe, and Ashley Towater; and sophomores Brigid Brown and Kristen Spaduzzi; and

WHEREAS, the squad has been strongly supported by Principal Jim Towater and secretary Becky Dearmitt; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Marty Sisco and the 1996-1997 Union City High School boys' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.